

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

An ~~What is described is an~~ echographic examination method, in which an echographic contrast medium or agent, injected into a blood vessel and ~~comprising~~ including a plurality of microbubbles, is sent by means of the blood circulation to a part of a living body under investigation and ~~[[said]]~~ the part is struck by an ultrasonic excitation signal at an excitation frequency (f_0), and in which the microbubbles struck by the ultrasonic excitation signal generate an echo signal at a frequency different from the excitation frequency, ~~[[said]]~~ the signal being used to generate an image. The excitation signal exerts a pressure of 30 kPa to 1 MPa on ~~[[said]]~~ the microbubbles, the microbubbles emitting a stable signal at not less than one subharmonic of the excitation frequency, ~~[[said]]~~ the stable signal being processed to generate images.

~~[[Fig.]]~~ ~~[[3]]~~